

Dear George

Given Prescott told me some  
time back of the contact you  
had made with her. I had  
expected to have the opportunity  
to meet you. [I would have shipped  
her mind to let me know.] Anyhow  
she now has given me your  
address and am enclosing  
the latest Prescott Paper. Should  
be glad to get your  
reaction to its contents.

My records show you as a g. son of  
James Richard Prescott - wife Cecily W.P.

I hope you could provide me  
with anecdotes regarding him

- reproducible photo(s) - &  
fine information on dates etc.

Gwen said she has given  
you copies of some of the  
Papers - which ones I'm not  
sure.

If you let me know  
what she has given you I'll  
supply them - if you wish.

Did Gwen tell you we  
are making plans for a  
Percott reunion in Ender  
next year (2001) ?

Regards  
Bob.

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June 26, 2001

Dear ? Wall,

Forgive the salutation, but I don't know your given name, your family name of Wall doesn't ring any bells, nor how you fit into the Pescott family. Gwen has not mentioned you at all, and I can find no reference to you in the documents which you sent to me. So, who are you please?

Your welcome letter and attachments are very interesting, and I will respond as best I am able.

### **PHOTOGRAPH WHICH YOU SENT TO ME.**

1 is my grandfather James Richard Pescott - definitely.  
21 is James Richard's wife, my grandmother, Ettie Amelia nee Woodfull - definitely. Note it is Ettie not Effie as you have in your records.  
22 Not certain but is the only woman who looks like my aunt Dorothy Woodfull Heathcote nee Pescott.  
34 is David Manners Pescott, son of David James & Laura Elizabeth - definitely  
26 is Edith Maud Emily nee Mansell, wife of David Manners Pescott - definitely (not Fanny Purvis as you guessed)  
44 is Ralph Pescott - definitely. Suggest you check spelling of his second name as I think it is Edgar not Elgar.  
45 is David Norman Pescott - definitely  
43 is possibly Lillian Alice  
41 or 42 is Meering Edith, most likely 41.

### **DESCENDANTS of D J PESCOTT LIST**

Only comment I can make here is the juxtapositioning of Ralph and Lillian. The birth sequence was Meering first, then David, then Lillian then Ralph. I was unaware of the existence of Leonard Mansell. All four had nick names. Meering was Ming, David was Hank, Lillian was Sue and Ralph was Alfie. Their mum was known to me as Auntie Eadie, and their dad, who was a lecturer in Carpentry at the Gordon Institute of Technology was Uncle Dave. I really liked Uncle Dave, but always kept a sharp lookout for Auntie Eadie who could be quite forbidding to a small boy.

## **YOUR LETTER REQUESTS**

I have only a few photos, three of which I have sent to Gwen. One is a photo of the family taken in 1888, with Thomas T Pescott and his wife Mary Ann nee Dean, and the children (then adults) George, Fannie, Joe, Lil, Jim, Elizabeth & Dave, together with Fred Miles, Elizabeth's wife and Lizzie, Dave's wife Laura, and Dave & Lizzie's two eldest children (babies in the photo) who I guess were Lizzie Dean and Thomas Howard. Of the other photos, one is a headstone which Shirley and I took in a churchyard in Durham last November showing the resting place of Joseph Pescod, born 1801, and thought to be the grandfather of David James Pescott (your descendants list). The other is the church in Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne where Thomas Pescott and Mary Ann Dean, parents of David James, were married on 9th April 1852. Incidentally I have sighted the extract of marriage in the Northumberland Archives in Newcastle, and Thomas' second name in these records is Threwick, whereas all Australian records show his second name as Threwett.

I also have a studio photo of Ettie Amelia taken in 1913, all dressed up in her finery to attend the Mayoral ball at Caulfield Town Hall.

Did you know that Thomas & Mary migrated to Australia in 1857 with their two children Elizabeth Manners and Mary Ann in the sailing ship "Shalimar". En route, Mary gave birth to her third child, a boy. They named him Thomas Belinkinsopp Shalimar Pescott.

## **FAMILY REUNION**

I have not the faintest idea of what is planned for the proposed Pescott family gathering, but speaking from relevant personal experience, unless a lot of effort and work is put in up front, it will be a fizzer. Fifteen years ago I worked for 10 months with a cousin of my father's mother's family on a Daws reunion which was held in Melbourne. Over 100 attended and for this my cousin and I had produced a family history book of 75 pages. A year ago my wife Shirley and I commenced research into her father's family, and our enquiries have taken us to Cornwall, Wales, Pennsylvania, and 12 locations in New South Wales. This resulted in a Martyn Family History book of 91 pages of text, documents and photographs, 80 copies of which have been taken up so far by family members, and copies have gone to the NSW & National Library in Canberra. This book was shown at a preliminary gathering we had at Urunga, north coast of NSW a couple of months ago, as a prelude to a planned big gathering for the 300 approximately living descendants of Shirley's forebears, the Martyns, who migrated to NSW in 1877. If it would be of interest to you to read the book we produced, simply to get a feel for what can be achieved, I am happy to lend you a copy. In fact, while in no way do I want to be seen as interfering, if you need support in compiling a written history,

or if you want to take my ideas, just say so. I incorporated a number of ideas into our Martyn book, all of which were well received, and I would be happy to pass these on if you were interested.

Shirley and I would be interested to attend the Pescott "bun fight" next Easter, but only if it is to be a well structured event. If you think by this statement that I am being arrogant, just consider that I don't want to travel over 2,000 Km for a half hour cup of tea with a handful of people.

## **CECILY'S DESCENDANTS**

I am returning your chart with appropriate amendments and comments. Incidentally, I have a photo of Cecily taken with her brother Keith in the front garden of the family home in Eskdale Road Caulfied in 1917. The house was built for James Richard around 1902 by David James.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

It is possible that there are about 450 descendants of Thomas & Mary, and maybe 350 living, most in Victoria. A family gathering must include invitations to all, although less than 50% would actually attend. To promote this, you must be prepared to spend time, effort and money. If you are not prepared to do this, I suggest you give the idea away. However, if you do the job well, for the rest of your life you will have an intense feeling of satisfaction of achieving something of value.

Cheers,

George Stevens

PS If you have access to the Net, we can email each other.

**Subject: Wall-Pescott link****Date:** Fri, 29 Jun 2001 21:44:14 +1000**From:** "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>**To:** <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

George

Your correspondent is Wallace (Wal) Parker Wall, son of Merle [Morriss] Wall, in turn daughter of Liliase Jane [Pescott] Morriss, daughter of Thomas and Mary Pescott.

Gwen told me and my sister, Wynsome Penn, of your contact with her. I asked her whether she would give you copies of papers I have sent out to Pescottians over the last 12 months or so, and my recollection is that she said she would (apparently she didn't). She also told Wyn and me that she would let us know when you were to visit Geelong, because we were keen to meet you (she didn't). Either Gwen's memory is faulty or her understanding of our conversations is radically different from mine. Doesn't matter now. I'll send you copies of previous Pescott papers.

I intend, soon, to put together a paper on James Richard Pescott, and would welcome whatever input you could make. The input made by David James's grandchildren was disappointing \_ you'll be able to make the comparison when you receive the papers on George William and Liliase Jane.

Wynsome, Gwen and another grandchild of Liliase Jane, Errol Woodard, will be meeting soon to firm up arrangements for the Easter 2002 reunion (to coincide with the 150th wedding anniversary of Thomas & Mary Ann). I can tell you that the venue will be the Noble Street Uniting Church, Geelong.

If you attend, I will personally see to it that you get a Vegemite sandwich and half a lamington to go with your cup of tea.

Balintore is now nothing more than a district name 15 km north-west of Colac, 80 km west of Geelong.

Looking forward to a fruitful exchange of data and family memorabilia and thanks for your feedback \_ most helpful.

Reg.

Wal

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7.7.2001

Dear George,

Responses to your letter **30.6.2001**

BOOKS etc.

My background includes working as a book editor in Deakin University's off-campus operations (hence am interested in Matthew's business) and in my retirement have taken to the occasional lapse into literature by leading a social writing group in Colac, which includes the editing and publishing of an annual book of short stories and poems. Any book that I might contemplate putting together on the Pescotts is a couple of years off at present.

Both Wyn and I agree that a reasonably full tree is necessary in a family history, but it is by no means sufficient. We want the characters of the individuals to dominate, and for that we do not have nearly enough information yet. The truth is there are too few such as yourself with a willingness to run with the ball \_ to suggest, to critique, to contribute.

Is your brother Dick still with us? Sue (Pescott) Sanders, who lives at Sale, remembers a maroon beret (commando issue?) he gave her, or perhaps it was to Meering. Sue does not enjoy good health at present. My contact with her is via my sister-in-law Mardi (Heal) Wall, wife of my deceased brother, Arthur. I have been in phone contact with Meering's daughter Sue (Spencer) Horne who lives in Linville, Queensland. She has undertaken to contact Dave Pescott who lives nearby. I tried to ~~make~~ contact Hank (I wonder if anyone calls him that nowadays) earlier on without success. I know his wife, Val, is an Alzheimer sufferer.

I also have copies of JR's Vaccination and Sufficiently Educated certificates, the date of the latter is 31.5.1877, a couple of weeks after his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

All three of JR and EA's children hold the Woodfull second name, as do you. Was the William Maldon Woodfull connection deemed important in your upbringing? The other Heathcote boy was John. I don't have any contact with the Heathcote branch either. Any clues? Keith married Ada Annie Keeble. Max married twice: Joan Margaret Luke (one daughter, Judith Mary P.), then Judith Ann Kelly. Judith Mary P. did not marry.

Wyn doesn't think the Joseph Pescod married to Mrs Spragon that you mentioned is our Joseph. From church records, she has found a Joseph Pescott married to an Elizabeth Spraggon. They had two daughters who both died young. Our Joseph would have been 17 when he joined the army \_ this is Napoleonic war times \_ hardly old enough to have married a widow and sired a son (see P.Papers 1).

Your photo of the church where Tom and Mary were married in 1852 would be a valuable bit to display at the 2002 reunion.

Fanny Wailes Pescott's (= Mrs Thomas James Purvis) two daughters were Daisy and Hazel. Hazel married Kenneth McDowell. They had Molly McDowell, b 1920, and Neil McDowell. That's all we have on them. I rang a couple of 'N. McDowell's in Melbourne with no luck. Any suggestions?

Our Morriss definitely has two 's'.

Joseph married Emily Ada Martin.

I have one descendant of Edward Edgar P. on my mailing list: Euan Pescott. We have exchanged one email, and then I asked if he could supply me with details of his sister Leonie and his brother Roger (ex-Victorian MP), but he has never replied. Roger went to ground after he resigned from Kennett's cabinet a couple of years back. (Incidentally, Euan is profoundly deaf.) How do you know of the E.E. Pescott papers? I'm not surprised that he would have such items since he was a published historian, besides having other illustrious attributes. Did the flower photo I sent mean anything to you?

Was your Wm Stevens 67 when he died in 1895, and were his parents George & Charl. (Winderbank) Stevens? Was Susan of unknown parentage, and did she die at the age of 74 in 1911? Have you ever visited their graves?

July 15, 2001

Hi Wal,

I am commencing this letter today the 15th, and will progressively add snippets as and when they come to me. And already I have broken a promise to you. In my letter 14/7 I said I would not keep sending bumf to you, and yet here I go again.

ATTACHED

1. Enclosed is a copy of a standard letter I will send out every week or so to 10 Heathcotes, hoping ultimately to strike gold. Names and addresses have come from the Melbourne telephone directory. There are about 58 names all up, so it will take a couple of months to cover them all.
2. McDowell is a bigger problem with many more listed. So I have hit on an idea which you will see in another enclosure. This is the fax to Sean Cairney. If my advertisement is accepted, it may take a few weeks to get in to an issue of the newspaper. So I don't expect any sort of response before the end of August. Incidentally, will you confirm the spelling of McDowell, not McDowall.
3. David Manners Pescott (Uncle Dave to me as a boy). You mentioned in your letter 7/7 some Army connections during WW1. Assuming he was in the 1st AIF, do you or Wynsome (or any of his descendants) have copies of his service records? If not, I can get these for you. Let me know.
4. No response yet to my request of Australian Archives for copies of Dorothy Woodfull Pescott's WW1 Army Nursing Service records, but it normally takes 6 weeks to get such..
5. If you have luck contacting Judith Mary Pescott, I'd like to make contact with her also.
6. Newsletter comment re donations. Here is a suggestion only:

*Return my* "In past correspondence I have indicated that any minor expenses being incurred in my quest for Pescott family information would be mine and Barbara's. Since starting however, like Topsy this venture has grown. More people are joining the newsletter distribution list wanting to be part of the excitement. In researching official records, most times there is a charge levied for the service and information provided. Typically the amounts are not big at \$15 to \$20, but when multiplied, the total soon becomes noticeable. Periodically I receive requests for enhancements to the program for the Easter gathering such as a souvenir to be given out to attendees, a professional photographer to be present, provision of child minding facilities, external catering to name



some. As well, we will be making a donation to the hall managers for use of the church facilities on the day. So, while ~~Barbara~~ and I are unlikely to be cast into the debtors' prison, donations of any amount will be welcome. And please, this is a request, NOT a requirement."

7. Strong recommendation here. Enquire closely into public liability insurance cover for the bun fight day. Make sure you actually see the insurance documents for the hall we will use. Get a photocopy. Hall management reassurance that "She'll be right mate", or even a letter saying cover is there, is not sufficient. If the cover is less than \$5,000,000, get a quote to increase to that level, or better still to \$10,000,000. If you have a tame solicitor amongst your acquaintances, get her/him to cast an eye over matters.

Same applies to the services of any contractor you might use eg catering. Make sure you are covered as far as possible. Think also about insurance against rain if the hall facilities are likely to be inadequate. At this stage I would not suggest going to the extent of implementing an Incorporated body, but in the possible event that a future Pescott Association becomes desirable, then incorporation is the safest route.

This need for insurance is another reason why you should have some injection of funds. By the way, there is no need to raise concerns in the minds of any potential attendees that you will be looking at public liability insurance. Just do it quietly. This is another example of the old philosophy "If I have it, I won't need it, but if I don't have it, I may need it".

FINAL OR PL EN

8. Final comment. I am occasionally charged with "taking over" organisation of activities. You know the attitude "There are two ways of doing anything - my way and the wrong way." I want to reassure you that I have no intention of wanting to play a dominant role in your venture. All I want to do is to give you support and the benefit of any past experience that I have had. In ventures such as this, Pareto's principle is rife. So, please take on board any of my suggestions that appeal to you, and discard the others. I promise I won't sit in the corner sulking where you reject any of my input.

SOWTIME

Cheers

George

PS THE COPIES OF PHOTOS & DOCUMENTS PREVIOUSLY PROMISED PROBABLY WON'T BE AVAILABLE FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER WEEK.

**Subject: Peasoup**

**Date:** Thu, 19 Jul 2001 22:22:06 +1000

**From:** "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>

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Hi George

Delighted with your letter(s).

Answering the more pressing issues now, will write more fully next week after meeting with Wyn and Errol next week:

As sure as I can be about spelling of McDowell.

Flower is *Chilloglotis pescottiana*.

Am going into Colac Family History centre tomorrow to suss out William and Susan Stevens info. and their daughter Annie Louisa Stevens who died at Colac in 1931. BDMs on CD show William dying in 1895, aged 67.

Judith Pescott has been on holidays; home now. Would be happy to have you make contact at 17 Palm Beach Drive, Pattersons Lake, VIC 3197.

Yes, have a copy of EE's *Native Flowers*; To my sister Lily with the best wishes of the Author, Ed. E. Pescott. 28/9/14'

John W. Pescott is Trevor Pescott's brother, who died a couple of months ago. He wrote a couple of local histories and 3 beautiful

children's books. Stephen J Pescott is John W's son. He writes secondary school mathematics texts. Roger Pescott, 'Politician Pescott',

is EE's grandson. He was a diplomat before he went into politics \_ am still trying to track him down.

Most grateful for your input. Rosie and I were absolutely in stitches with your stories about Ralph.

Cheers, Wal

July 19, 2001

Hi Wal,

You no doubt are beginning to rue the day you made contact with me. Here is yet another message, or rather messages plural.

**1. Newsletter.** The background is as follows. In 1961, after spending 14 years in the Royal Australian Navy, initially as a Radio and Radar mechanic and subsequently as an Air Electrical Officer in the Fleet Arm Arm, I severed all ties with the service and went my own way in civilian life.

Thirty years later I met by chance two of my old colleagues who had remained in the service. Both had retired, one as a captain and the other as a commodore. Over a glass of beer, we reminisced, frequently using the introductory phrase, "What happened to so & so?". Occasionally a response would be "Oh, he died". After that meeting I mused for some weeks, saying to myself "Somboddy needs to record this history of Naval Radio & Radar before we all die." Clearly no one was going to do it, so I decided I would commence by focussing on one phase.

At that time in 1991, I could recall almost 50 names of men with whom I had trained and/or worked, but other than these two chaps, I knew of no contact addresses. I needed to make contacts to gather information to create the historical record. So patiently, one by one and with some help from Ian McNamara of "Australia All Over", I made contacts, gathered information and commenced writing the history. In the process, many said "Why don't we have a reunion?". So I got hold of a few "volunteers", and in November 1992, we held our first reunion in Adelaide, the scene of our initial 6 months training at what is now the Uni of SA.

The book was completed and published. I am pleased to say that a colleague has followed my lead and published in 1998 a larger and more broad history.

This reunion was a huge success, so much so that we decided to formalise our organisation. Having put in much of the initial work, I was not interested in carrying the torch into the future, and was content to slide a little into the background as a vice president. We now have a national organisation based in Adelaide, with state committees, about 500 members and biannual reunions. These latter have since Adelaide been conducted at Sydney 1994, Canberra 1996, Melbourne 1998, and Nowra 2000. Shirley and I have been the Sydney and Nowra organisers.

Typically we get about 120 attendees at a reunion, and these events are always highly regarded by attendees..

Hang in there - I am slowly getting to my point!

We publish a newsletter 4 times each year. Today when I received the current one. The paragraph (Donations page 3), caught my eye because it is a topical matter of interest to both you and I re the Easter Pescott bun fight. So I thought I would mail a copy of the newsletter to you.

Our organisation has operated since inception with voluntary finance, and today have cash reserves of around \$4,500. So this suggests to me that gently soliciting donations from the members of the Pescott tribe would meet with success sufficient to defray all costs associated with the lead up to and the conduct of our bun fight, and contribute to the production cost of your proposed Pescott book as well.

A minor reason also for sending this newsletter to you is that you might pick up one or two ideas to use in the production of your periodic missives.

**2. Death Certificate.** Copy of Ettie Amelia's for your/Wynsome's records

**3. Max Pescott.** Copy of his letter 3 February 1969 for info.

**4. Shalimar.** Copy of some related info which might be of use.

**5. E.E.Pescott.** Copy of the 4 pages of Pescott history which he put together in 1932. Wouldn't it be great if we could locate the 17 documents he identifies!

I wrote to Wynsome a couple of weeks ago offering material such as the foregoing, but as I haven't heard back from her, I am sending it to you. Again, take what interests you, and ditch the rest.

I am compiling a little dossier on 88 Eskdale Road, and when complete I'll mail it to you. The photos I promised are still being copied - another few days yet I guess.

Ah! Another very vague and fuzzy memory has just hit me. Some time around 1942/1943, I was taken by one of the Pescotts, most likely Ralph, to visit and meet a relation living almost in the city centre of Geelong. At the time it struck me as odd that there could be a normal residence situated and occupied so close to the city centre. Now don't hold me to this, but I have faint visions of this house being somewhere in or near the area bounded by Ryrrie, Bellarine, Mallop and Yarra Streets, close to the Bellarine Street end. Maybe it was in Little Mallop. This may well be one of those trivial items warranting a rating of "Ho hum".

Aveagoodaymate

July 23, 2001

Hi Wal,

How's this for a promise? I promise NOT to promise to not send you any more Pescott trivia. I feel more comfortable with that.

I guess you will want photos for 3 reasons. One is to help put a name to a face at the bun fight. A second reason will be for possible inclusion in the proposed Pescott book. A third reason maybe, will be to display with captions at the bun fight. Accordingly I enclose two group of photos. The first are copies of old ones, and you are welcome to keep these. The second group are recent photos which I ask you to return to me please. Any that you want to retain for whatever purpose, just identify them and I'll have copies made and sent back to you

### OLD PHOTOS

Enclosed are the photos previously promised. Numbers are in pencil on the back of each

1. Circa 1913. Ettie Amelia nee Woodfull Pescott. Taken for the Mayoral Ball at Caulfield Town Hall.
2. Circa 1920. In the garden at Wattle Dell Kardella (Don't know where this is). Standing left Ettie Amelia nee Woodfull Pescott, and right Cecilia (aka Cissie) Lucy nee Woodfull Ritchie, elder sister of Ettie Amelia. Seated left Dorothy Woodfull nee Pescott Heathcote, and right, Cissie's daughter, Hazel.
3. Circa 1916. Standing in the front gasrden of 88 Eskdale Road Caulfield, Keith Woodfull Pescott and Cecily Woodfull Pescott.
4. 19 October 1924. Cecily Woodfull nee Pescott Stevens holding her first born, Richard William Stevens born 9 October 1924.
5. Circa 1925. James Richard Pescott and Ettie Amelia nee Woodfull Pescott holding grandson Richard William Stevens. Location of photograph not known, but most likely in Victoria as clothes being worn would be unnecessary in Queensland where Richard William was born.
6. Circa 1966. Taken at her home at The Patch in the Dandenongs, Cecily Woodfull nee Pescott Stevens. In later life Cecily was an avid amateur home gardener. While she loved all flora, her passion was the lilium. The various trophies are:

Silver Cup. The Gordon Chandler perpetual trophy won in 1963-64 for

lily of the year, the Lilium Martan G H Wilson. Won again in 1964-65 for lily of the year Lilium Anzac Glory strain

Silver Tray. The Charles Begg Memorial Perpetual Trophy, won in 1964-65 for lily seedling of the year, Lilium Anzac Glory strain.

Monthly Points competition: 1962-63, the highest number of points - the silver salver. 1964-65, the highest number of points - steel and silver dish. 1964-65 Amateur Section and Blue ribbon February Show. 1965-66, Intermediate Section Blue ribbon February Show.

### RECENT PHOTOS

See attachment for details Return all to me identifying any you would like. I'll get these copied and sent back to you.

### 88 ESKDALE ROAD CAULFIELD

I am also enclosing a bit of history of 88 Eskdale Road Caulfield. This was the house built for James Richard and Ettie Amelia by David James Pescott. Archive records would need to be accessed to established the year of construction, but I have a vague idea it was between 1902 and 1905.

There are 3 floor plans. One dated 1990 is how the house was used when, in a run down condition, it was offered for sale to developers. Local residents did the usual thing and blocked developers, it being sold to a Charles & Vicki Perry who have restored and renovated it to the plan dated 1998. The plan dated 1937 is, as best I can recall it, how the house looked when I first saw it.

Re the photo of Gosforth church altar, I have written to my ex navy buddy in Newcastle-upon-Tyne asking for the name and address of the present vicar. I'll try to extract more info and photos if possible from him. Please keep all of this lot, including the church photo, if you wish.

Cheers

**Subject: Re: Stevens grave site**

**Date:** Mon, 23 Jul 2001 21:55:51 +1000

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----- Original Message -----

From: George Stevens <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

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Sent: Monday, July 23, 2001 5:30 PM

Subject: Re: Stevens grave site

Hi Wal,

Yes I would like to visit the grave site, and see if a photo is practical.

As indicated in my response to your previous email, it was news to me that Emily

had a husband. Without going to any unnecessary work and expenditure of

time (or \$\$\$) what can you find out about husband Anderson, and were there any

little Andersons? It seems that GFW's brother Arthur and other sister

died somewhere other than Colac. When I get the opportunity, I'll see what

can do about tracing them. Keep smilin', George

Hi cuz

The only info on Emily Anderson I know is in the obit in the post. He being in WA at the time of Emily's death suggests that is where answers might lie.

I've checked Vic BDMS for their marriage and details of their children's births without success. No luck with Arthur and Maudie either.

I received your latest tome today. Just a few quick responses:

Your newsletters and reunions make a heart-warming success story. 'Don ya.

Cousin Errol Woodard's son Chris is in the navy. My son Keith was a radio mechanic etc with Civil Aviation, but is now involved with certifying

shipping for insurers in Port Moresby.

Yes, the EE Pescott stuff would be good to get hold of. I'll try Euan Pescott again for info \_ he's Ted's grandson. He has a recent cochlea

implant, and was still getting used to it when I rang him a few weeks ago. He had a weird shouting match which had Rose amused in the background. He

had no idea who I was, although I've been sending him newsletters and

writing notes to him to which he has never responded.

I reckon the Pescott visit 'almost in the city centre' would be to either Dave snr or to George, both of whom lived in McKillop Street.

Rose (a nurse) was taken with Ettie's 'cerebral softening' diagnosis.

In my letter: I have copies of the docs he mentioned. You would have recognised 'Hank' as the David P. he mentioned. The doctor at Ballarat, Neil

Pescott, was Ted's son and Euan's father. I went to his funeral about 6 years ago without making contact with the family \_ I know, I should have. He

was, by my reckoning the last Pescott of his generation. I met him in 1949 when I was doing teacher training at Ballarat Teachers College.

Ted evidently didn't know that an Elizabeth Graham(e) was one of Thomas T's great grandmothers.

I note that Ted didn't include Joseph's second name 'Dene', which I wrongly spelt 'Dean' in an early newsletter.

Be in touch by letter later in the week.

Thanks, and I am smiling.

Wal

July 24, 2001

Hi Wal,

At some future date you and I will cease to have things of mutual interest to communicate, and when that happens, both will have withdrawal symptoms. You are the lucky one having Rosemary as a trained nurse to rehabilitate you. Shirley has a more pragmatic approach of "Child dear, get out in the fresh air and shake yourself up".

William Stevens. First legend. A Royal Navy sailor and suffered a wound during the Crimean War, leaving him with a gammy leg. This information is in a letter which I have, written by my dad's sister Rubie Medic nee Stevens Wilson. Unfortunately not a shred of evidence to substantiate the story. It seems that in later life when William was playing cricket, he had someone else to do the running when he batted.

Second legend. For years I steadfastly believed this one until I did a bit of careful analysis of some facts. Legend was that during the Eureka Stockade incident, because of his navy training William was recruited as a special constable to march with a government force to Ballarat to support the government troops against Peter Lalor and his villainous rebels. For years I savoured this story, until I did a bit of arithmetic using William's death certificate data and discovered that the Eureka incident occurred in 1854, some 3 years prior to William's arrival at Port Fairy as an English migrant. Bang went a lovely myth.

I have a quite good quality photo of William. It is a pure guess on my part but I estimate the date to be somewhere 1865 to 1870. I also have a studio photo of Annie, and I estimate the date of this to be around 1885.

Here's one for Rosemary. In the mid to late 19th century when William and his son George Frederick William were lighthouse keepers, travel between remote lights and centres of civilisation was tedious, protracted and sometimes difficult. For example, Wilsons Promontory to Melbourne might have taken 5 days on horseback. So to cater for those emergency situations such as snake bite, broken limb, severe lacerations, measles, mumps, etc, the head light keeper was issued with a book titled "Home Handbook of Hygiene and Medicine", by J.H. Kellogg M.D., published by the Echo Publishing company Ltd., North Fitzroy, first printed in 1864. I have William's copy printed in 1880. Including the index it comprises 1,674 pages of text and illustrations. Some of the chapters cover topics of anatomy, physiology, hygiene, food and diet, water - its uses and dangers from contamination, stimulants and narcotics, hygiene of the air, rational remedies for disease, accidents and emergencies, surgery.



There are about 20 diets explained. Some are of Abyssinians, chimpanzee, Chinese, Grecians, Icelanders, Irish, Romans, Sweden, Terra del Fuegians and gorillas. All very useful stuff when living in an Australian lighthouse where the supply ship would visit once every 6 to 8 weeks.

Some of the diseases listed are of the hair, of the voice, of breathing in, and the usual ones of the eyes, the ear, of the skin and so on.

The brain is given a lot of attention with explanations of brain fever, hardening of the brain, softening of the brain, induration (???) of the brain, food for brain workers, true and false dropsy of the brain.

There are 28 separate paragraphs on milk such as blue milk, bitter milk, diseased milk, milk bath, dangers in milk, milk from farrow cows, red milk, sour milk, unwholesome milk, yellow milk, gruel milk and the mental influence on milk.

There are some interesting little reports about diverse subjects such as crab louse, bad books (in the chapter on sex education), rotten cheese, consumption of the kidneys, crazy bone, cross eyes, depraved appetite, douche pail, electric bath, turpentine enema, fish skin disease, carbolic acid gargle, Indian gruel meal and Indian poke (???), phrenology. In all, there are about 6,000 separate topics listed in the index. A remarkable book.

The GFW Stevens and Paris France incident. Last year during our visit to the WW1 French battlefields to see where Shirley's dad engaged the wicked Boche, we had a few days in Paris (couldn't get out of there soon enough - dreadful place). Anyway, one morning as we walked in the hotel entrance a young man and his partner were walking out. Shirley noted the printing on his tee shirt which proclaimed the beauties of Point Lonsdale Australia. Shirley engaged him in conversation mentioning the tee shirt and he replied that his grandfather lived in Point Lonsdale. So Shirley brought me over and told me the lad's story. I said that many years ago my grandfather also used to live in Point Lonsdale in a house with the name of "Samarai", and that when I visited them for holidays I used to sleep in the little attic at the top of the very narrow staircase. This lad replied "My grandfather owns & lives in Samarai now, & I used to sleep in that little room".

Re my fax to Sean Cairney, nothing heard in response so I wrote a letter. He phoned today acknowledging receipt of both fax and letter, and advised he would insert my ad for McDowell contacts "soon". He will also advise nearest (to Vincentia) town with a newsagent that distributes his paper. If nothing comes from that, I'll commence mailing out to McDowells.

As at 24/7 no Heathcote responses. If nothing by Friday 27/7, I'll mail out the second batch of 10.

As Peter Cundall says when closing his weekly TV gardening program "And that's yer lot for the week. BUT, next week it'll be an absolutely bloomin' marvellous program."

Cheers

**Subject: Re: News**

**Date:** Thu, 26 Jul 2001 19:47:39 +1000

**From:** "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>

**To:** "George Stevens" <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

**References:** 1

----- Original Message -----

**From:** George Stevens <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

**To:** Wal Wall <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>

**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2001 4:16 PM

**Subject:** News

> I'm still smilin' Cheers George.

>I'm grinning after receiving your pics etc today. You apparently haven't received my gleanings from Colac Hist. Soc. yet; should be tomorrow.

Re Mary Ann Pescott: she died of typhoid fever aged 14, 4.11.1869. She was known as 'Polly' to her family. That is all we know of her, except, of course, that she was born back in Newcastle in 1854, and was the second-born to Tom and Mary.

Pity your stuff didn't arrive yesterday. Wyn, sister-in-law Mardi, Errol and his wife Carol, Rosemary and I lunched and discussed reunion matters all afternoon. We went through your proposals point by point and agreed with most of them. We really only shelved the professional photographer suggestion. Tomorrow night Trevor Pescott is giving a talk to the Colac-Otway Australian Plants Society (to which Rosie and I belong, we being light-greenies) on photographing plants \_ he is an excellent photographer. Attending as guests will be Fay, Wyn's daughter, and Vicki, Mardi's daughter. Both are doing photography courses. We reckon that with such talent we should be well catered for. Someone will be behind a video-camera as well.

We decided to co-opt you as a member of the organising committee. Our deliberations will reach you by newsletter.

It was I who phoned earlier in the evening and left the 'Get in touch with you later' type message. Decided it was surer to email.

Cheers Wal.

**Subject: Delegations****Date:** Fri, 10 Aug 2001 18:51:36 +1000**From:** "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>**To:** "George Stevens" <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

George, my friend

Thanks again for your feedback and suggestions.

I'll send you your grandfather James's teaching record. That and the fact that he was the Secretary of the Land Settlement Board is all I know of him. I should appreciate it very much if you were to write and send out the James Richard Pescott newsletter. If you agree, and it's your prerogative to say what you wish in it, then I'll send you full addresses.

And thanks for the 'Barbara' comments. Such questions as 'why?' regarding the human condition don't concern me. I accept, not necessarily without complaint, that which is concomitant with life.

The photos were reproduced on my PC connected Epson Colour 440. I find that printing B&W photos in colour makes all the difference. Do you think that Uncle Jim's unpolished boots reflect his character if not his face?

Wyn has a pile of music (songs) that belonged to either Lil or Dave. We had it in mind to distribute words as you suggested if the singalong goes ahead. Wyn, a choir member, has a tolerably good voice. Errol conducts music appreciation Adult Ed. classes and hosts and MCs visiting musical artists at Queenscliff each month. He'd be in his element conducting, 'giving cheek' and accompanying (piano) any sort of musical experience. He has accepted the role of MC for the Saturday function.

Will respond to a few other points you raised by mail.

'Donya

Wal

**Subject: Re: Heathcote**

**Date:** Thu, 16 Aug 2001 20:10:19 +1000

**From:** "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>

**To:** "George Stevens" <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

**References:** 1, 2, 3

> Great, you get to keep your job. But what about Norma "Mrs W Oakley 35  
> Welfare Parade Geln Iris 3146"? CuzG

>

A bit of oldtimers creeping in. I did send a letter to Norma. It's my email to you that is at fault.

[Similar to your 'marriage of Thomas and Elizabeth' in your letter to Peter and Barbara Pescod, 11.8.01. It shouldn't cause error at the other end, provided they read 'Elizabeth' as 'Mary Ann', which you have correctly used earlier in the letter.]

You would deduce from that comment that I've received your latest letter. Rose and I agreed that if there had been just a few others with a skerrick of your get up and go we would have had a full roll call months ago. I can only thank you again for your productive efforts.

Euan Pescott holds the key to his grandfather's (Edward Edgar) line, but as yet he has not responded to my request for information on his sister Leonie, brother Roger and an aunt's family that went to South Australia (I think). Incidentally, have you read the entry on E.E. in the multi-volume Dictionary of Australian Biography (I'm suddenly aware that I'm not sure of its title)? I attended EE's son's (Neil) funeral service at Ballarat a few years ago, he being, as far as I know, the last of the 3rd generation Pescotts, but I didn't stay after the service; oh that I had! Neil's wife, Loma, wrote a book on colonial cookery, which is often quoted on secondhand book sites on the net.

If you know a bit of WW1 slang that found its way into the Australian lexicon and you know who EE married, you would have smiled irreverently as I did when Roger, in delivering an obituary, said of his father, 'His mother was a Furphy'. I'd love to put that in a PPaper, but I'm afraid I can't.

Good on you, George

CuzWal.

**Subject: Re: Info**

**Date:** Fri, 31 Aug 2001 22:18:37 +1000

**From:** "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>

**To:** "George Stevens" <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

**References:** 1

----- Original Message -----

**From:** George Stevens <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

**To:** Wal Wall <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>

**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2001 7:42 AM

**Subject:** Info

> *Hi George*

Pics and book went in the mail this morning together with a couple of other things plus a note. I've had a bit more good fortune \_ have tracked down the Eastgate family (Lucy Joyce Pescott from Thoma H Pescott from David J Pescott). They were in and around Geelong all the time! Joyce and Rueben had 8 children, the largest family since Aust generation 1.

I contacted Heather Cox in Geelong, but she was unable to help us with our McDowells.

During the next week I hope to get out a paper on Joseph Dene Pescott and his son Richard T.M. (Dick). Dick's daughter Beth Beynon (Melb) says her mother (92+) hopes to get to the gathering next year. So far as I can tell, she is, as an in-law, the last of generation 3.

Wyn has paid the insurance for the use of the Noble Street hall and has written to the minister regarding the Sunday service, but hasn't received a reply yet.

Half ya luck with the rain. We have now had the driest 5-year spell ever in this part of the world, but there is good grass growth, which I have to keep cut. I'm on 15 acres here.

Cheers boyo.

Wal

31.8.2001

George  
Thanks for the loan of the book + pics.  
Irene + I have taken copies of 3 of the  
returned photos herein.

Joseph PARCOTT (T.T.P.'s father) is  
buried at All Saints NUT. 18.6.1843  
+ son, Moses Percott.

The family were living at Dogsbank Lane  
nearby, at the time.

Met with committee on Wednesday. We are  
taking on board folder + contents idea, +  
gratefully accept your offer of folders.

Official invitation to you + Shirley to spend some  
time with us at Balintore during the assemblage  
+ what about your visit to Kells. Later in the year +  
what's doing? We have work.

15 Oct 2001  
375 Langs James Road  
Balintore, Vic 3254

03 S233 1326

Dear George

I mentioned once before in a PP that my secretarial skills are poor. A number of people have responded to my request for a show of hands of those who intend to attend the Pescott Reunion on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2001 (held at Noble Street Church, Newtown, Geelong), but mainly verbally. As you might guess I've forgotten precisely who those folk were, so I ask you to fill in the enclosed pink slip and return it to me by the first week in November. I'll probably regard a non-response as a wish to be taken off the mailing list, but then one must allow for illness or holidays or something.

Your response will be interpreted as an intention rather than a commitment. Wyn and her team do not have enough feedback at this stage to firm their planning. In-laws, of course, are welcome. The committee hopes that 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> generation descendants will outnumber us of the 4<sup>th</sup> generation. You will be asked to confirm your decision in the New Year, since we will need to know how many to cater for, for lunch.

Theoretically, how many Pescott descendants are there who could attend? About 250 (includes partners) is my guesstimate, based on these numbers I have on the Family Tree database:

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|----------|----------|
| Gen. 1   | 1 (+1)   |
| • Gen. 2 | 10 (+7)  |
| • Gen. 3 | 25 (+20) |
| • Gen. 4 | 57 (+37) |
| • Gen. 5 | 88 (+54) |
| • Gen. 6 | 107 (+3) |
| • Gen. 7 | 4        |

I'm aware that my records are still not complete.

As an aside, Tom Pescott (1<sup>st</sup>) would not like the following prediction: the surname 'Pescott' (i.e. our line of it) will die out in the next couple of hundred years, or sooner. There are now, by my count, only 4 boys of the 107 Gen. 6 children/young adults who bear the name 'Pescott'.

The surnames that have supplanted 'Pescott' at different generation levels are:  
Anderson Beggs Bennett Beynon Dixon Dorland Dorman Eastgate Everett Gilbert Griffin  
Grundell Haywood Heathcote Henry Horne Hutchinson Jackson Johns Kelly King Koopman  
Laing Lawry Lockwood McCawley McDowell Morriss Netter Oakley O'Connor Peddelsden Penn  
Pettingill Purvis Richards Robertson Russell Schonfelder Shepherd Simphendorfer Smith  
Spencer Stevens Todd Wall Warren Woodard.

Woe



October 22, 2001

Hi Wal,

As forshadowed (isn't that a ridiculous expression), herewith some thoughts for you to chew over. Spit out what you don't like.

1. In your newsletter just prior to the Easter bun fight, make an announcement along the following lines:

"As a service to those interested, on Easter Saturday we will be making available some items for sale at moderate charges. Here are some examples

- \*A copy of a photo of the Pescott family taken ca 1888 for \$X
- \*A copy of two photos, one of the Pescott women and one of the Pescott men taken ca 18XX for \$Y
- \* Your personalised pedigree showing Pescott ancestors and descendants (if appropriate) for \$Z. [Wal this was your recent email idea.]

All proceeds will be directed towards meeting expenses of this family reunion"

There will likely be more items which you can think of to sell. This will not only provide interest for the attendees but also add a bit to the kitty. Just as a wild guess, I think \$5-00 for each of X, Y & Z would give a good profit margin and would be considered by many as a reasonable price. Think of it this way, 20 people buying one each of these 3 items puts \$300-00 in the pot.

2. Following this and at the hall where you will be setting up your system, have a display board (eg a piece of peg board say 600 X 800 mm) on which and attached by blutack are samples of the photos and pedigrees. Pedigrees can be produced on the spot (I imagine). Orders will need to be taken for the photos so you will need order forms to be completed, and a receipt book. No money up front, no photos!!! Advertise the display board with a big sign in 10 cm high letters at the top

3. Is it possible for your tame photographers to get shots which will be taken on Saturday processed and displayed on Sunday for sale to people? Again a service with a small profit margin. Remember what the actress is alleged to have said to the bishop.

4. In preparation for the 2 mail outs which I will be doing (The Good News and JRPescott PP), I am creating a name and address list starting with your abridged list dated 29/7. I will use the completed list to print off sticky labels a la the enclosed sample. Question. Would you like to feed updates to me so that when you want to do a mail out I simply do a print run and consign the

printout via APO to you? The label cost is 1.66 (recurring) cents per label. Thus a run of say 4 A4 sized sheets each containing 24 labels (total 96) would be \$1-60. I think we could just about fund that.

Incidentally, I pay \$24-00 for an inkjet black cartridge. Haven't much of an idea of ink cost per A4 sheet, but I'd guess I get around 120 to 150 pages during the 2 to 3 months of use. So the ink cost of label printing is miniscule.

For multiple copies of documents, say more than 10, I use the local print shop photo copying service. They charge me 10 cents per A4 B & W single side, and 15 cents double side. A box of 500 peel and seal 110 X 220 mm envelopes costs about \$25-00. So, to mail out say 100 "Good News" letters would cost me around \$62-00, and to mail out the JRP PP, which might run to 3 X A4 double side prints, would cost about \$97-00.

Your total costs (\$1-58 per letter) doing all the printing on your own printer are a bit higher. Under **NO** circumstances are you to even think about reimbursement of any of my costs (your PP dated 9.9.2001 refers), unless after the tumult and shouting has died at the end of April next year you are substantially in surplus.

5. Your pink slip completed and enclosed

Love to Rosemary from us both.

Seeyez

October 25, 2001

Hi Wal,

A little device I am employing to build rapport and to encourage interest in and attendance at the bun fight is to add a personal note to the "Good News" circular which I am mailing out, for a few selected people. These are ones who for different reasons there may be some sort of connection. Here is a summary

Betty Morriss

Hi Betty. A personal note to say that my wife Shirley and I will be in Perth October 2002 for a Naval Reunion. How about we call you during or stay and say G'day?

Norma Oakley

Dear Norma, ignore my last paragraph. Your donation is very generous

Euan Pescott

Hi Euan. Re your email about photos at lunch, how about you bring your camera next Easter and take some photos!

Gwen Pescott

Dear Gwen, almost every time I have something to do with this forthcoming family gathering, I bless the day you phoned so enthusiastically in response to my letter. Looking forward to seeing you again - Cousin!

Joscelyn & Beverley Pescott

Ladies, Fate has been unkind to us. Only now we have learned that I have relatives living in Sutherland Street. For 23 years Shirley & I lived in Greenwich, visiting Lane Cove almost every day. In fact, we started the little craft shop "Cove Craft" and directed it for many years. On a number of occasions I have had Lane Cove Citizenship and Lane Cove Police awards. In early December we will be in Sydney for one of my periodic visits to my eye specialist in the St Leonards Medical Centre. Would you like us to call on you for 10 or so minutes just to say hello?

Roger Pescott

Hi Roger. Our trek from the wilds of Vincentia to Geelong will take us through the village of Trawalla some time around Thursday before Easter. Would it be in order for us to stop for 10 minutes to say "Hello"?

Sue Roberts on

Hi Sue, Shirley and I will be passing through Castlemaine on Tuesday 2nd April. Would you like us to stop for just 10 minutes to make ourselves known to you? By the way, your dear old dad is doing a sterling job getting this family gathering together.

Geoff Shepherd

Hello Geoff. On our way to Geelong we will be taking a route through Ballarat. Subject to dates and times, would you like us to stop for 10 minutes just to say "Hi"?

David Spencer.

David you probably already know it, but you have excellent parentage. I knew your mum Meering and dad Wal when I was a young man. Both were in the RAAF at the time and stayed with us at home in Caulfield on a number of occasions. I liked them both for different reasons. Ming was cheerful, positive, glamorous. Wal was steady, quiet sense of humour, sincere.

Bruce Wall

Hi Bruce. You are doubly fortunate. One reason is you have a first class dad who is doing a great job of stirring the many Pescott stumps to come together briefly. The other is that you live in Tassy. Shirley and I have visited Tasmania at least 15 times over the years. We love the place. Were it not for the fact that we have two married children with four grandsons living in Sydney, we would be off like a shot to settle in places like Ulverstone, Penguin or Kingston Beach. One of our favourite houses is on a rise looking north east over Kingston beach towards the Derwent estuary

As well, out of sheer cussedness, I am sending a barb to Neil McDowell. The sod did not even acknowledge receipt of my letter, and that is simply unacceptable bad manners. (I have told you previously that there are two ways of doing things - my way and the wrong way!). So he claims he is not well. What makes him think he is the only one with problems? We don't need him.

2.11.01

Dear George.

As I've said before, my secretarial skills are poor. I'm not nearly as organised as you are. I hope I cover all the outstanding points needing to be answered.

1. I monitored my progress while addressing to present batch of envelopes, assessing whether address stickers would be an advantage - Yes. We would appreciate a couple of sets please.
2. 'Phone-around'. No, we don't feel that we should proselytise. Your letter & one coming from me before Christmas should be sufficient. There are any number of valid reasons why people can't/won't attend next year. So be it.
3. In my pre-Christmas letter (a non-P.P.) I intend to bring everyone up to date with (i) photo CDs (ii) attendees (iii) <sup>donors</sup> ~~donors~~ (iv) future planning.
4. Website. I was initially flying a flag. It's been saluted earlier than I expected. i.e. I haven't thought the whole thing through. The main idea was/is to say to the world 'here we are & this is who we are', inviting (implicitly) response from people who are attracted to the contents in some way or another.

5. we have \$235 in donations (including yours)  
+ in-kind donations of envelopes & stamps of \$50+ value.

6. 21 print-clips to date.

7. Badato website: true - if Enson is the one, but  
all means mislead him.

8. P.P. 9 was unnumbered = Percott on the Net.  
If yours comes out next it will be PP. 11  
It's possible there will be 2 PPs on Ted.  
(E.E.P.)

I've asked Roger Percott to write one on  
his gr-f. (Am not confident of a positive  
response, as I've not heard from him -)  
If I don't hear from him, I'll put out a single,  
probably lengthy, Paper.

Richard Johns took quite well the information  
of Ted's poor teaching record. I was able to  
balance things for him by acquainting him with his  
Uncle Jack's (Jack Turner & Dean Percott) outstanding  
record as a Senior Technical School lecturer.

9. Thanks for the publicity piece. Will keep it in mind. <sup>clear</sup> <sup>best</sup>

Subject: Stats

Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2001 21:43:04 +1100

From: "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>

To: "George Stevens" <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

Hi George

Returns (incl. me)	31
Will attend	53
Non attend	5
Phots	10
Speak	2
Meal	16
Accom	4
Sing	12
Tour	13
Church	14
Short Ch	16

The numbers post-'Non attend' apply, for the most part, to the responder and don't necessarily reflect the number wishing, e.g., to go on the tour, etc.

I've asked Roger Pescott if he would like to put together something on

Edward Edgar P. However, since he has not responded yet to anything I've

sent him, I'm not optimistic about a positive response. I have sounded out

Euan, but he says it's his sister Leonie who would have memories etc to do

such a job, but I still don't have her address in England. I'll be

interested to see if your note to Roger is fruitful.

The other person besides yourself who would like to say a few words is

Richard Johns. I sent him a copy of EE's unflattering teaching record, and

he took it in good part. 'Oh well', he said, 'it shows he was human'. He was

thrilled to get his Uncle Jack's, by

contrast, outstanding record as a senior technical school civil engineering

lecturer at Caulfield Tech. (Jack Trewitt Dean Pescott, an unmarried son of

EE.)

Cheers, CuzWal.

Subject: Re: Otway Villa  
Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2001 08:39:49 +1100  
From: "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>  
To: "George Stevens" <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

Yes I was thinking along the same lines when I was at the Historical Centre, but they don't have copies of the electoral roles, but I'll follow it up. The mail list will be posted today. Here are the updates:  
Include Robert Everett

5/25 Malmsbury Street  
Hawthorn  
Vic 3122

David Pescott  
21 Sassafras Street  
Mudjimba  
Q 4564

Delete the 'Lucy' from Joyce Eastgate. Norah Henry's number is 3, not 2. Norma Oakley's address should be Burwood 3125 (unless the Glen Iris 3146 entree is an update I don't have). Sue Robertson's street is Lawrence and take off the back slash from Doran\ at Vickie Wall's address. There are now 59 addresses. Will respond by mail to the other points you raised in the next day or so. Cheers George  
Cuzwal.

*Elva Daniels*  
*Gordon Dargatzis*  
*10/9 34-00*  
*MAL List*  
*and mchx'*



23.11.2001

Hi George,

A few days before the recent election Rose passed the property of one of our rellies and was surprised to see on their fence a placard advertising one of the conservative parties. I commented that it was reassuring to know that there were folk of good faith on either side of the political fence.

Incidentally, the population for which the 50<sup>th</sup> cousin relationship holds is Modern Man. It doesn't extend to Neanderthals, hence we are not related to Peter Reith, John Howard or Philip Ruddock (and I prefer do-gooders to do-badders). Those comments are strictly NOT *ex committia*.

Re 'your show' – no, it's 'our show'. If you feel moved to do a ring-round of those who haven't responded by returning pink slips then do so, but keep in mind that: (1) some pinkies are composite returns; (2) some people had spoken to me on the phone before the slips went out indicating they were looking forward to attending, but they haven't mailed back to that effect, and I can't be certain who they are now. Some such calls go back over a year. (3) I have already done a bit of soft soaping in talking to a couple of people who have rung up to say they can't attend. (4) Frankly, I don't feel kindly enough towards anyone who has accepted the Papers, and they have been given the opportunity to request their ceasing, but don't want to be associated with their rellies at the reunion. (5) There could be others in the same category as David (Hank) Pescott who I contacted at the start of the planning early in 2000. I hadn't heard anything from him, so he didn't go on the mailing list. Not sure what his knowledge of the planning was, I rang him. 'Oh, yes, my daughter and I are coming down'. (6) There is always the possibility that an overt attempt to influence will have the opposite effect (this is not merely a hypothetical possibility).

Any reply from Euan or Roger Pescott yet? What was Richard Johns's response to your contact?

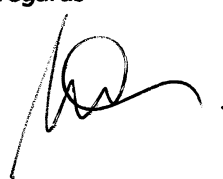
I have contacted Les Lomas, ex-Deakin, who also had done work on Soldier Settlement, but he wasn't able to give provide any assistance.

Tell us about your entrepreneurial days. Was it Shirley's shop, or was it a joint venture? Bev and Josc indicated to me they were looking forward to your forthcoming meeting.

You'll get the update letter in a few days. I'll get the committee's clearance for it on Wednesday.

With warm regards

Cuzwal.



December 14, 2001

Hi Wal,

Re your email 11/12, herewith a response.

1. I got my copies from RTM Pescott, about 1966. Don't know the motivation for Ted's notes. However, because he signed "Ted", and in those days as people were more formal, I am assuming he wrote to one of his brothers, not to a nephew such as RTM.

2. Re the date in #11, yes I agree it is suspect. Looking at the typewritten info under the sub heading of DEAN, if we accept that Elizabeth nee Clark died on May 27 1845 (6 lines from the top), then it is unlikely (but not impossible) that James Dean remarried to Mrs Mary Ann Edgar on July 20 1845, (16 lines down) just a few weeks after the death of his first wife.

Looking at Ted's hand written notes, right at the top he states "I have the following documents". This adds credence to his date of 25/8/1852 being correct. Ted was a scientist, and likely to verify all of his written comments. So I would put my money on 25/8/1852 being the correct date.

It seems from studying the typewritten notes that Mary Ann was somewhat promiscuous having first been Mrs Pringle, then Mrs Edgar then Mrs Dean. But in her defence, every girl should have a hobby.

3. Re #15, my interpretation of Ted's scrawl is as follows :

Copy of the inscriptions of (or on) the tombstone ????? of Mother's Father & Mother, & the four children and John David Edgar & Elizabeth Clark - all evidently in the one grave".

"Mother's father and mother" would be James Dean the second and Elizabeth nee Clark, Ted's grandmother. "the four children" would likely be those numbered 3, 4, 5, 6 in the typewritten page. I have no idea who was "John David Edgar". The Elizabeth Clark" could only be, as you have surmised, Ted's grandmother.

4. Note the Roman numeral "IV" on the hand written second page listing JRP's issue. JRP was the 4th son, so I assume there were 3 other such lists for the issue (or non issue) of Thomas B, David J and George W. As females were lower species, there may not have been similar pages for them. Interesting that at the date which Ted wrote these notes, JRP had 8 grandchildren, but Ted identifies 4 only. I don't recall much of the circumstances when RTM gave me this info, but possibly he felt that I did not need to know or have any details of issue of the other brothers.

5. I have no idea who did the typing.. I can't imagine it was RTM who, like Ted, was a precise man

As RTM was my source of this info, perhaps you could approach some of his survivors to dig into their archives in the hope of adding to your data file. Ted's survivors are logically a source to search also

6. It begins to look like we might get up to 80 to attend the bun fight. Bewdy!

7. Shirley will bring her camera (I am hopeless with a camera because of my peculiar eyesight), but for a good job to be done, it really needs someone with the appropriate skills, and lots of film.

8. Appreciate all you are doing to locate Otway Villa. The photograph was taken in 19XX when CCC visited the house. I have spoken to her on the phone, and she recalls B & N being in residence.

9. Re Otway Villa. Spoke on the phone today with Emily Florence nee Harris Barnes, a second cousin. Her grandmother was Emily Catherine Stevens, elder sister of my grandfather George Frederick William Stevens. Emily was born 1914, but is still fit enough to look after herself, and to make a train journey next week from Windang south of Wollongong to Mudgee all by herself. Her mind is as sharp as a knife. Emily visited Otway Villa in 1933. She recalls that from the back door a big lake could be seen in the distance. She says that on the occasions they went to Colac they walked, and that she felt the house was located near to the Manifold Stud. At the time, the occupants of the house were Maud Josephine Stevens and her younger brother Arthur Godfrey Stevens. So there are a few more clues for you, but I think our best shot will be to search census records and local rate notices. We can talk about this when Shirley and I bunk in with the chooks next March.

Cheers

2.1.2002

Dear George & Shirley

• Enclosed \$80 to cover P.P. 11 - as mentioned in P.P. 12.

• I have marked P.P. 12 + a note to

Léonie Thorogood = Ewan & Roger's  
Manor Farm sister.  
Little Horwood  
Buckinghamshire  
U.K.

• Attendance numbers are now 90+.

• Our local writers group has had 150 copies of its yearly book, 100 pp. gloss paper, perfect bound, for \$1100, printed by the Colac Herald - which compares (more than) favourably with the info. you sent me.

• I do hope <sup>the</sup> ~~your~~ fire threat has eased in your area. Fondest regards W & R.

Subject: Re: Church

Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 22:38:41 +1100

From: "WP Wall" <wpwall@gsat.edu.au>

To: "George Stevens" <stevegeorge@shoalhaven.net.au>

George, can you confirm that Thomas and Mary were married in C. of St Nich? The reason I ask is that on the extract of their marriage, it says that they were married at THE (my emphasis) Gosford Church ... rites of the Established Church. Wyn says that there are about 3 churches in Gosford that could fit that description, so did you view the St Nich register, or somehow otherwise conclude that it was the church in question?

Thanks again for your note and the new pics. I think the stained glass window origin is worth following up. It might be a William Wailes job (he was considered to be the finest artisan of his era). There could well be a connection between that William Wailes and the William Wailes we think Fanny Wailes Pescott was named after.

Successful meeting today: Errol and Carol, Wyn, Gwen, Rosie and I at Mardie's place. We've costed the reunion attendance at \$20 per adult and \$10 for children. Does that seem reasonable to you? We've factored in lunch, AM & PM teas, insurance, hall hire and personal folders. The meeting rethought the Pancake Parlour as the venue for the evening meal. Carol is going to canvass a few other venues.

Confirmations are coming in steadily. A few have had to drop out, but a few more are being added to the original response. We are working on an attendance of about 100 at present.

That's it

Cheers

Cuzwal.

Hi Wal,

Re your "Church", following comments in response. \$20 a head for adults and \$10 for children is very reasonable. Go to an average coffee shop and you pay about \$6 for a cuppa and scone for AM or PM Tea, and \$10 for a two slice sandwich plus cuppa for lunch. Then there are the other costs you mention. I think your proposed charges are an absolute minimum, and be inclined to increase them.

Re the marriage. Firstly the place is Gosforth, not Gosford. There are no Gosfords in England. At the Morpeth Records Centre in Northumberland County Council I sighted on microfiche the entry of marriage of Thomas T (spelt Threwick), and while I now cannot recall the details, the information led me to St Nick's church at Gosforth, an inner suburb of NuT. The church has no records, all having been entrusted to the Public Records Office many moons ago. If you wish to enquire further, suggest you log on to the Morpeth Records Centre on <<http://www.swinhope.demon.co.uk/NRO/>>. Alternatively a letter to them at Kylins, Loansdean, Morpeth NE61 2EQ, or phone 01670 504084

Great the numbers look like being 100 plus. It's going to be a winner. Cheers